#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

# Project Staff Report Tax-Exempt Bond Project July 20, 2011

Project Number CA-2011-875

**Project Name** Fell Street Apartments

Site Address: 333 Fell Street

San Francisco, CA 94102 County: San Francisco

Census Tract: 162.000

Tax Credit Amounts Federal/Annual State/Total

Requested: \$527,697 \$0 Recommended: \$527,697 \$0

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: BRIDGE Housing Corporation

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General partner(s) or principal owner(s): Gough Street Housing, LLC

General Partner Type: Nonprofit

Developer: BRIDGE Housing Corporation
Investor/Consultant: Wells Fargo - Wachovia Securities
Management Agent: BRIDGE Property Management Co.

**Project Information** 

Construction Type: Acquisition & Rehabilitation

Total # Residential Buildings: 1 Total # of Units: 82

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 81 100% Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60% Federal Subsidy: Tax Exempt

HCD MHP Funding: No 55-Year Use/Affordability: Yes

Number of Units @ or below 50% of area median income: 37 Number of Units @ or below 60% of area median income: 44

**Bond Information** 

Issuer: San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing

Expected Date of Issuance: 08/01/11 Credit Enhancement: N/A

## Information

Housing Type: Large Family

Geographic Area: San Francisco County

TCAC Project Analyst: Nicola Hil

### **Unit Mix**

4 SRO/Studio Units

20 1-Bedroom Units

24 2-Bedroom Units

34 3-Bedroom Units

82 Total Units

_ Uni	t Type & Number	2010 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income	2010 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income	Proposed Rent (including utilities)
3	SRO/Studio	50%	39%	\$725
1	SRO/Studio	60%	39%	\$725
2	1 Bedroom	50%	27%	\$554
1	1 Bedroom	60%	43%	\$857
4	1 Bedroom	50%	39%	\$777
13	1 Bedroom	60%	46%	\$934
3	2 Bedrooms	50%	25%	\$599
3	2 Bedrooms	50%	40%	\$980
18	2 Bedrooms	60%	47%	\$1,142
22	3 Bedrooms	50%	23%	\$639
11	3 Bedrooms	60%	42%	\$1,175
1	3 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$1,175

## **Project Financing**

Estimated Total Project Cost: Construction Cost Per Square Foot: \$14,682,153 \$25 Per Unit Cost: \$179,051

Construction Fina	ancing	Permanent Financing	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Wells Fargo Financial National Bank	\$7,845,173	California Community Reinv. Corp.	\$2,510,942
HCD - RHCP	\$2,235,369	HCD - RHCP	\$2,235,369
BRIDGE Seller Takeback Loan	\$3,277,990	BRIDGE Seller Takeback Loan	\$3,277,990
Deferred Developer Fee	\$579,944	FHLB AHP	\$820,000
Tax Credit Equity	\$100,000	GP Equity	\$536
		Equity from PV Credit	\$193,585
		Deferred Developer Fee	\$579,944
		Tax Credit Equity	\$5,063,788
		TOTAL	\$14,682,153

### **Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

\$6,210,547
Yes
\$7,446,780
100.00%
\$8,073,712
3.40%
\$7,446,780
3.40%
\$274,506
\$253,191
\$527,697
\$922,697
Vachovia Securities
\$0.95960

Per Regulation Section 10322(i)(4)(A), The "as if vacant" land value and the existing improvement value established at application, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, will be used during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits.

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C), Once established at the initial funded application, the developer fee cannot be increased, but may be decreased, in the event of a modification in basis.

### **Eligible Basis and Basis Limit**

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis: \$13,657,328 Actual Eligible Basis: \$13,657,328 Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$31,311,360 Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$54,794,880

### **Adjustments to Basis Limit:**

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages

95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 1% for Each 1% of Low-Income Units are Income Targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI: 45%

### **Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations. Annual operating expenses exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 3.40% of the qualified basis. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

**Special Issues/Other Significant Information:** Project is a re-syndication; existing TCAC number: CA-1992-111

## **Local Reviewing Agency:**

The Local Reviewing Agency, San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

Federal Tax Credits/Annual State Tax Credits/Total \$527,697 \$0

#### **Standard Conditions**

If applicant is receiving tax-exempt bond financing from other than CalHFA, the applicant shall apply for a bond allocation from the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee's next scheduled meeting, if not previously granted an allocation; shall have received an allocation from CDLAC; and, shall issue bonds within time limits specified by CDLAC.

The applicant anticipates financing more than 50% of the project aggregate basis with tax-exempt bond proceeds as calculated by the project tax professional. Therefore, the federal credit reserved for this project will not count against the annual ceiling.

The IRS has advised TCAC that the amount of tax-exempt bonds issued, equivalent to at least 50% of aggregate basis, must remain in place through the first year of the credit period or until eligible basis is finally determined.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC an allocation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

**Additional Conditions:** None